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PYRGUS MALVAE L. IN MID-JULY. — While collecting on the chalky part of Foulden Common, W. Norfolk, on 14th July last, I swept a specimen of the grizzled skipper, a butterfly I had supposed long over by that date. Had it been worn, there might have been little cause for surprise; but in fact it appeared in faultless condition, neither rubbed nor chipped. No others of the species seemed to be about. Whether, therefore, it was an individual whose development had for some obscure reason been retarded, or one of an exceptional second brood such as are occasionally noted, is a question I leave to readers better qualified to judge. — A. A. ALLEN.

A LATE SPILOSOMA LUTEUM HUFN. (BUFF ERMINE). — On 18th August, 1985, I came upon a quite undamaged and fresh-looking male of this familiar insect sitting on the pavement by a busy road not far from my house, slightly overhung by bushes in an adjoining park. One of these, almost above the spot, was a white-flowered buddleia — to which possibly the moth had been attracted whilst in flight the previous night; and from which it may have fallen shortly before I arrived on the scene, luckily escaping the feet of passers-by. It seems that normally the species is over by mid-July or thereabouts, and that August specimens are exceptional. — A. A. ALLEN.

MYTHIMNA LOREYI (DUR.) (THE COSMOPOLITAN) IN WEST WALES — I was pleased to capture a fine specimen of *loreyi* at Tregaron, Dyfed on the night of 10th October 1985. I believe this is the first record of this immigrant species in Dyfed. My thanks are due to Mr. A. Riley of Rothamsted for confirming my identification. I. J. L. TILLOTSON Chief Warden, NCC Dyfed Powys Region.

OECOPHORA BRACTELLA (LINNAEUS) (LEP: OECOPHORIDAE) IN DEVON. — On 2nd. May 1985 I bred one specimen of this species from a larva I found under the bark of a stump of *Betula* on 17th. March at Spitchwick Common, Devon. This is a wooded area on the southern edge of Dartmoor about 4 miles to the west of Ashburton. It appears that this is the first record for the county and only the fifth vice-county record in the British Isles. R. J. HECKFORD, 67, Newnham Road, Plympton, Plymouth.